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ABSTRACT

Public Services — Water Resources Department — Sri Appala Naidu Peela, the then Executive Engineer, Godavari Eastern division, Dowlaiswaram, East Godavari District –Allegations of Irregularities in entrustment of canal closure works pertaining to O&M action plan of 2016-17 approved by CAD Committee on 02.05.2016 taken up by irrigation Circle, Dowlaiswaram of erstwhile East Godavari District"- Departmental proceedings under Rule-20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Articles of charges - Issued.

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WATER RESOURCES (VIGILANCE-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 662 Dated: 09-12-2025

Read:

G.O.Rt.No.654,WR(Vig.I) Department, Dt.09.12.2025.

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**ORDER :**

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri Appala Naidu Peela, the then Executive Engineer, Godavari Eastern division, Dowlaiswaram, East Godavari District in accordance with the procedure laid down under Rule-20 of the A.P.Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 for the alleged charges specified herein.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of articles of charges is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III & IV).

3. Sri Appala Naidu Peela, the then Executive Engineer, Godavari Eastern division, Dowlaiswaram, East Godavari District is directed to submit his written statement of defence within (10) days from the receipt of this order and also state whether he desires to be heard in person.

4. Sri Appala Naidu Peela, the then Executive Engineer, Godavari Eastern division, Dowlaiswaram, East Godavari District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those article of charge which are not specifically admitted herein. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge. He is further informed that adequate opportunity for perusal of records will be made available during the course of inquiry.

5 Sri Appala Naidu Peela, the then Executive Engineer, Godavari Eastern division, Dowlaiswaram, East Godavari District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the stipulated time or does not appear in person before the disciplinary authority or otherwise fails or refuses to

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comply with the provisions of rule 20 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules,1991 or the orders /directions issued in pursuance of said Rules, the inquiring authority may hold inquiry against him ex-parte.

6. Attention of Sri Appala Naidu Peela, the then Executive Engineer, Godavari Eastern division, Dowlaiswaram, East Godavari District is invited to Rule-24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Govt. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri Appala Naidu Peela, the then Executive Engineer, Godavari Eastern division, Dowlaiswaram, East Godavari District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule-24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this order should be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**G SAI PRASAD**
**SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
Sri Appala Naidu Peela, the then Executive Engineer, Godavari Eastern division, Dowlaiswaram, East Godavari District **through** the Engineer-in-Chief (Admn.,), Water Resource Department, Vijayawada.
Copy to:
The Engineer-in-Chief (Admn.,), Water Resources Department, Vijayawada with a request to submit the dated acknowledgement of the individual to the Government without any delay.
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**ANNEXURE-I**

**Statement of Article of Charges framed against Sri Appala Naidu Peela, the then Executive Engineer, Godavari Eastern division, Dowlaiswaram, East Godavari District**

Sri P. Appala Naidu the then Executive Engineer, has committed dereliction of duties amounting to misconduct in violation of Rules (3) of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964, as mentioned in the following Article of Charge.

**Article of Charge :-**

That the said Sri P. Appala Naidu while functioning as Executive Engineer, Godavari Eastern Division, Dowlaiswaram has entrusted 14 O&M works costing between Rs.1.00 lakh – Rs. 5.00 lakhs to Water Users Associations for the year 2016-17, in violation of G.O.Ms.No.02, Finance (W&P-F7) Department Dt:03.02.2014 and without obtaining approval from the Government in execution of "Canal Closure Works Pertaining to O&M Action Plan of 2016-17 approved by CAD Committee executed by Irrigation Circle, Dowlaiswaram in erstwhile East Godavari District". Thus, he has committed dereliction of duties, amounting to misconduct.

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AANEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI APPALA NAIDU PEELA, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, GODAVARI EASTERN DIVISION, DOWLAISWARAM, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT

1). The Vigilance & Enforcement Department verified the Canal Closure Works Pertaining to O&M Action Plan of 2016-17 approved by CAD Committee taken up by Irrigation Circle, Dowlaiswaram in erstwhile East Godavari District.

2). Vigilance and Enforcement Department officials collected the pertinent records from the office of the Executive Engineer, G.E. Division, Dowlaiswaram & the office of the Executive Engineer, Drainage Division, Kakinada and inspected the works and conducted Quality Control tests in the presence of field officers concerned and representatives of contractors and made the flowing observations

i). Government of Andhra Pradesh vide G.O. Ms. No. 46 I&CAD (General) Department Dt:24.02.2007 notified the farmers organisation shall take up the normal operation & maintenance works and deferred maintenance works i.e regular works costing up to Rs. 5.00 Lakhs under the supervision of the Irrigation Department at the rates not exceeding the estimated rates. The works costing above Rs.5.00 lakh are to be entrusted by the department duly calling tenders or as prescribed by the Government from time to time.

ii). Government of Andhra Pradesh vide G.O.Ms.No.02, Finance (W&P-F7) Department, dated 03.02.2014 issued orders for all works and material procurement (for works, and for stationery/ livery supplies for offices, etc.,) costing Rs. 1.00 lakh and above, that the e-procurement platform should be adopted so as to enhance transparency and to bring uniformity across all the departments.

iii). Government of Pradesh vide G.O.Rt.No.390, Water Resources (CAD) Department dated 01.06.2016 ratified the action taken by the Superintending Engineers to entrust O&M and Deferred Maintenance works costing up to Rs. 5.00 lakh to Janmabhoomi - Maavoori Committees or Ayacutdar Committees for the year 2015-16 i.e., from 1st April 2015 to 16th June 2015 and also permitted the Engineer-in-Chief (Irrigation) / Commissioner, CADA to entrust O&M and Deferred Maintenance Works costing up to Rs. 5.00 Lakh to Water Users Associations for the year 2015-16 i.e., from 17th June 2015 onwards in relaxation of the procedures and financial limits laid down in G.O. Ms. No. 02, Finance (W&P-F7) Department

dated: 03.02.2014.

iv). The details of works taken up by Godavari Eastern Division, Dowlaiswaram and Drainage Division, Kakinada for the year 2016-17 are tabulated below:

| Name of the Division | No. of works sanctioned | Estimated cost (Rs. in lakhs) | No. of works entrusted to WUAs on nomination basis | | No. of works entrusted to Agencies through tenders | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | < Rs. 1 lakh | Rs. 1 lakh – Rs. 5 Lakhs | > Rs. 5.00 lakhs | |
| G.E. Division, Dowlaiswaram | 18 | 72.63 | 2 | 14 | 2 | 5 works related to earth work repairs and balance 13 works related to bathing ghats. |
| Drainage Division, Kakinada | 99 | 300.80 | 11 | 83 | 5 | 94 works costing below Rs. 5 lakhs related to weed removal and balance 5 works related to repairs to ramps. |

v). It was found that, though the G.O. Rt. No. 390 Water Resources (CAD) Department dt: 01.06.2016 pertains to the O&M and Deferred Maintenance Works for the year 2015-16 only, not for the subsequent years. But the officers entrusted O&M works costing each between Rs. 1.00 & 5.00 lakh to Water Users Associations for the year 2016-17 without inviting tenders in violation of G.O.Ms. No. 02, Finance (W&P-F7) Department, dated: 03.02.2014 and without obtaining necessary approval from the Government.

3). Thus, Sri P. Appala Naidu is responsible for entrusting 14 O&M works costing between Rs.1.00 lakh – Rs. 5.00 lakhs to Water Users Associations for the year 2016-17, in violation of G.O.Ms.No.02, Finance (W&P-F7) Department Dt:03.02.2014 and without obtaining approval from the Government.

4). Thus, the said officer has failed to perform his duties with due diligence which amounts to dereliction of duties leading to misconduct in violation of Rules (3) of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964.

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## Annexure – III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI APPALA NAIDU PEELA, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, GODAVARI EASTERN DIVISION, DOWLAISWARAM, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT

The General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department, V&E Report No.20 (C.No.924/ V&E/ E/ 2016) Dt: 26.03.2024 along with its enclosures.

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## Annexure – IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI APPALA NAIDU PEELA, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, GODAVARI EASTERN DIVISION, DOWLAISWARAM, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT

The General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department officials who have verified the work.

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